

REMARKS

This response is to the Office Letter mailed in the above-referenced case on June 07, 2004, made final. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11 and 13-20 are presented for examination. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. The Examiner rejects claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burson et al. (US 6,4058,245) hereinafter Burson. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burson in view of Thompson et al. (US 6,571,253) hereinafter Thompson.

The applicant has carefully noted and reviewed the Examiner's rejection, reference and comments. Applicant herein provides detailed arguments to more particularly point out the subject matter regarded as patentable by applicant over the prior art provided by the Examiner, as the reference clearly fails to support the 103(a) rejection presented by the Examiner. Claim 17 is herein amended to correct faulty language and overcome the 112 rejection.

Applicant's claim 1 specifically recites: "wherein the software-bundle functions as a fully automated navigation system capable of performing all of the functions of a manual navigation system controlled by a user having a data-input system for controlling the navigation system and the set of machine-readable instructions is provided from an external source other than the control application." Applicant argues that Burson fails to teach or suggest such a functionality as claimed.

Column 8, line 46 to column 9 line 6 of Burson specifically highlights the shortcomings of Burson's system in relation to applicant's invention as claimed. Burson teaches that a failed registration could result from several situations. First, the end user attempting to register with the PT provider does not qualify for registration; for example, an end user attempting to register with a bank with whom the end user 50 does not maintain an account and where the bank only

allows access to account holders. Next, the end user may have supplied improper or incorrect information. For example, a bank registration process might require a social security number, a password, a bank account number and the maiden name of the end user's mother; if the user entered an incorrect social security number, the registration process would fail. Finally, the PT provider may have altered the registration procedure for its Web site. In this situation, following the process supplied from the Provider store 320 would yield a failed registration. In the instance of any registration failure, the end user could be presented with the data initially supplied to the system for registration. The system could then ask the end user to double check the correctness of the information provided and to correct and resubmit the data if an error is found. A second failure resulting from the submission of identical requisite data might generate an error message presented to the end user.

Applicant teaches that user-names, log-in codes, passwords, and the like are generated and submitted by the auto-registration process. This can be accomplished under partial user direction, or it can be accomplished completely without user involvement. In the first case, user 203 may have a list of unused passwords, user-names, and/or log-in codes that were pre-chosen and stored along with profile information. In the second case, such submissions may be automatically generated and submitted according to form requirements and site rules wherein the user has no knowledge of the data even after successful registration. The second embodiment follows a scenario wherein passwords and the like are optionally managed by the password-all portal service of application S/N 09/208,740.

Referring again to Fig. 10 of applicant's invention, IS 221 is responsible for request generation (RG). Applying all of the required site data, navigational data, and profile data, IS 221 creates a job-order containing complete instruction for navigation, form filling, and data return. Applicable user data is encrypted when transferred over secure socket links (SSL) as is known in the art.

Applicant argues that when a problem arises in applicant's system such as

the one described above in Burson, applicant's system is capable of substituting other information on file *or generating new information to be submitted* so the navigation and data gathering can be accomplished, fully automated and unknown to the user. Applicant argues that only with the capabilities claimed and taught in applicant's specification can a system perform all of the functions of a manual navigation system controlled by a user, as claimed (P.58).

Applicant argues that the PI provider Web sites, as disclosed in Burson , are manually configured wherein templates and PIC files are stored for each provider. Applicant argues that Burson teaches away from the API's as disclosed and claimed in applicant's invention because the functions of applicant's API's are not needed in Burson. Burson suggests the providers in the system are also subscribers (Fig. 8). Burson has absolutely no recovery process if the stored templates do not match the requirements of the Web site. Applicant points out that a user would be able to dynamically compensate for these types of problems. Therefore, Burson fails to teach a fully automated navigation system capable of performing all of the functions of a manual navigation system controlled by a user.

Applicant argues the main goal of the present invention is to provide a fully functional and truly automated navigation system that may be spawned and executed to completion based on machine-readable instruction. Burson fails to teach or suggest the advanced automated browsing and data collection process of applicant's invention.

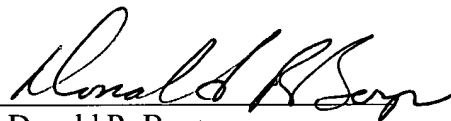
In view of the above amendments, arguments, and remarks it is clear that the reference of Burson fails to suggest the limitations of applicant's claims. It is therefore respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, the claims be allowed, and that this case be passed quickly to issue.

If there are any time extensions needed beyond any extension specifically requested with this amendment, such extension of time is hereby requested. If there

are any fees due beyond any fees paid with this amendment, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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